

# ICSCN

## International Consortium of Stem Cell Networks

---

### Consortium Update – September 2006

#### 1. Stem Cell Network Canada - Multidisciplinary Stem Cell Training Course

*Up to three spots reserved for students of ICSCN members with no course costs.*

The Stem Cell Network are holding 2-3 spots available for students of ICSCN members on their multidisciplinary stem cell training course in Vancouver at the end of October.

Course details can be found at <http://www.stemcellnetwork.ca/training/multicourse.php>.

There will be no charge for the course, and the SCN has generously offered to cover the costs of accommodation but all other costs will be the responsibility of the participant. It is preferred that registrants apply through their ICSCN representative and registrations are sent to Tia Moffat, [tia@stemcellnetwork.ca](mailto:tia@stemcellnetwork.ca), with an accompanying CV.

*Please distribute to your network members.*

#### 2. Post-Doctoral Fellowship Opportunities



#### Stem Cell Network/Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

---

#### Postdoctoral Fellowships - Applications due January 12, 2007

The Stem Cell Network (SCN) and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) are pleased to announce co-funding for up to 3 Canadian postdoctoral fellowships with the aim of increasing the number of scientists being trained in Canada in stem cell research with emphasis on diabetes.

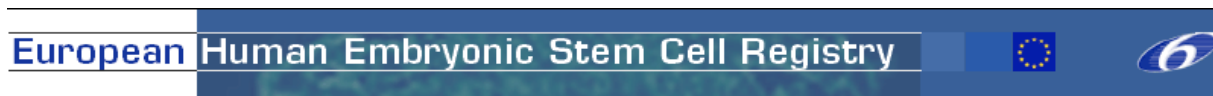
The application deadline for SCN/JDRF Fellowships is **January 12, 2007** with the awards expected to run from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2009.

The Application Guidelines and Application Form will be found shortly on the website at: <http://www.stemcellnetwork.ca/training/partners/jdrf.php> or you can find them attached to this email.

Questions can be directed to Adrienne Wong, Scientific Program Manager of Islet Biology & Transplantation, JDRF at [awong@jdrf.org](mailto:awong@jdrf.org), or to Tia Moffat, Acting Manager of Scientific Affairs and Training, SCN at [tia@stemcellnetwork.ca](mailto:tia@stemcellnetwork.ca).

*Please distribute to your network members.*

### 3. European Human Embryonic Stem Cell Registry



As part of the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Commission, a committee and scientific advisory board has recently been announced to establish a European Human Embryonic Stem Cell Registry. Work on the registry is to begin in October/November 2006 with the website and database going live in the second half of 2007.

The aim of the proposed European hESC registry is to promote access to all hESC lines derived in Europe and transparency about their characteristics. The registry will contribute to the harmonisation of the use of the reported cell lines and the spreading of standards and good practice in cooperation with other international registries. Only well defined and adequately characterised hESC lines according to the parameters established by the registry will be listed.

For more information please see the attached document outlining the project and the committee and advisory board members or contact the project coordinators:

**Scientific Coordinator**                      **Email:** [aveiga@cbarcelona.org](mailto:aveiga@cbarcelona.org)  
Phone: +34 93 224 10 88

**Technical Coordinator**                      **Email:** [joeri.borstlap@charite.de](mailto:joeri.borstlap@charite.de)  
Phone: +49 30 450 552 501

### 4. Welcome New Consortium Member

Please make welcome a new network to the consortium the Stem Cell Research Forum of India and their consortium representative [Dr Satish Totey](#), Secretary, SCRFI.

# SCRFI

Stem Cell Research Forum of India

The vision of the SCRFI is to be the focal point for Stem Cell Centres of Excellence globally and channelize the efforts of the stem cell research community for betterment in quality of human life. The mission of the SCRFI is to promote stem cell research, exchange ideas and disseminate scientific information about stem cell and provide public education in an effort to help find treatment and cures for a wide range of diseases.

The SCRFI is soon to launch their website which will be found at: [www.scrfi.org](http://www.scrfi.org)

The SCRFI is hosting its First Annual Meeting and International Conference on Stem Cell Research in Bangalore from 29<sup>th</sup> January-1<sup>st</sup> February, 2007.

For more information please see the attached document on the SCRFI which includes details of the conference and the list of speakers.

### 5. Mini-Survey – Stem Cell Banking

The Australian government is looking to set up a stem cell bank and has asked the Australian Stem Cell Centre to collate information on stem cell banking internationally. It would therefore be very much appreciated if each member could email their answers to the following questions to me by Friday 29 September 2006.

- Does your organisation use a stem cell bank? If so where do you bank?
- Does your organisation have or have access to GMP facilities? What is the structure of these facilities?

### 6. Next Month

Please send articles, activities, conferences, recruitment opportunities and other items of interest for next month's newsletter by October 13.